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SUBJECT: Bed Coverings for Infants: What's Safe?

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SUMMARY OF MEETING: Currently, CPSC, NICHD, and others warn against using soft bedding under infants while they sleep to reduce the risk of SIDS and suffocation. Recent research shows an increased risk of SIDS for infants who were placed to sleep with soft bedding over them and who were later found with their heads underneath the bedding. Participants presented and discussed this recent research and possible revisions to recommendations on soft bedding use for infants.